



P&DARCS

Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



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Congratulations to our own Mr [John Van de Waterbeemd](#) for his outstanding results at the Victorian F3A State Champs!!

Not only a handy aerobatic flyer and enthusiastic club member, John also gives a significant amount of time behind the scenes on our committee. Well done John, and thanks for all your assistance as well.

Next Club Meeting On-Line 18 Jun (Wed) 7.30 - 9.30 pm

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President's Report

Dear Members,

Area Approval Update

As most members would be aware, our club has a CASA Instrument allowing us to operate our model aircraft up to 1500FT AGL. In preceding years, this instrument was valid for 5 years and was achieved after a lengthy application process to CASA via the MAAA.

In cooperation with CASA, the MAAA have now negotiated a “blanket area approval” process which has significantly reduced the workload in obtaining area approval renewals. With the new process, P&DARCS could apply under the designated “Pathway 2” meaning that if our operating conditions had not changed under our existing approval, we could transition to the MAAA Blanket Approval. This process is now complete, and the new approval for our club is in place up until May 14th 2026.

The MAAA will issue an annual declaration to the club, requesting confirmation that no changes have occurred under our club rules that would conflict with the approval. If no changes have occurred, the approval will continue.

What this means for members is that we will continue to enjoy the benefits of flying up to 1500FT AGL within our authorised area. It is the responsibility of the

operator to ensure they remain within the approved heights, and you may be asked to verify this (for example, via telemetry equipment). If you are flying above 1000FT AGL and up to 1500FT AGL, a spotter is mandatory.

To accommodate the new approval, when you receive your annual membership renewal this year, you will be acknowledging that you have read and understood our Operational Procedures, and the MOP's that form the basis for our Area Approval. This includes MOP001, MOP004 and MOP019. In addition, you will be acknowledging your awareness of the boundaries of the area authorisation map.

The clubhouse now contains up to date copies of the following map and MAAA Manual of Procedures (MOP's).

- Field Authorised Area Map to 1500FT AGL,
- MOP001 Incident Reporting,
- MOP004 Model Aircraft Operations Above 400 Feet AGL,
- MOP014 General Rules for Model Aircraft,
- MOP015 Heavy Model Aircraft,

- MOP019 Model Flying Displays,
- MOP030 Gas Turbine Rules.

Please make yourself familiar with these documents. They will be updated as required and if you notice any missing documents, let me know so that they can be replaced.

If a full member of P&DARCS brings a visitor to the club (to fly), it is the responsibility of the P&DARCS members to sign them in and to ensure that the visitor is aware of the requirements of our area approval, and our club rules. The MAAA have worked hard to ensure the pathway to area approvals for all clubs is now a much easier, less convoluted path to navigate. A large part of that commitment rests with the clubs to ensure they are complying with the requirements of the MAAA Approval which in turn means this procedure and the working relationship with CASA will continue. See you at the field.

Keith Quigg | AUS 22897 P&DARCS President 2024/2025



CERTIFICATE

OF MAAA AREA APPROVAL

This certificate confirms

Pakenham & District Aircraft Radio Control Society

has an Area Approval under the MAAA:
CASA.MODEL.0093 Revision: 2
to 1500 AGL

The club has agreed to abide by all MAAA MOPs and governing documents.

Valid until May14 2026



Rhyl McCormack
MAAA FEDERAL
SECRETARY



Carl Bizon
MAAA
PRESIDENT

2025-007

Safety Officer's Report

Pilot barriers:

Have you seen our new pilot barriers?

The club has spent a lot of time improving the safety of our club members and a reminder that we need to stand behind the barrier.

It's a club rule that we need to stand behind the new barriers.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to any committee member.

Mel Law, P&DARCS Safety Officer



Editor's Report

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to another edition of the newsletter.

Alex Williams has kindly contributed another terrific article and I am hoping he will send in a lot more. I really enjoy reading them.

Wings Over Wangaratta was also held at the same time as The Monty so we have some be photos and results on this edition

Milestones includes Simon Ventevogel's maiden flight of his Ares Jet and a fascinating day hosting some of the Monash University Uncrewed Aerial Systems Team testing an UAV at the field.

As always, please send me anything you think members might be interested in.

Cheers

Liz

New Subscription Service Sends Dads A New Pair Of Cargo Pants Every 9 Years



Milestones

Congratulations to Simon Ventevogel from the P&DARCS club following the successful certification of his Krill Ares XL model. At 3.5 metres long, and a wingspan of 2.7 metres, it's not easy to miss. Weighing in at around 20kgs, Simon chose the Swiwin SW300B turbine which fits the Krill combo nicely.

Flown with the usual skill and accuracy we expect from Simon, and with a few more trimming flights and he will have it dialled in to perfection.

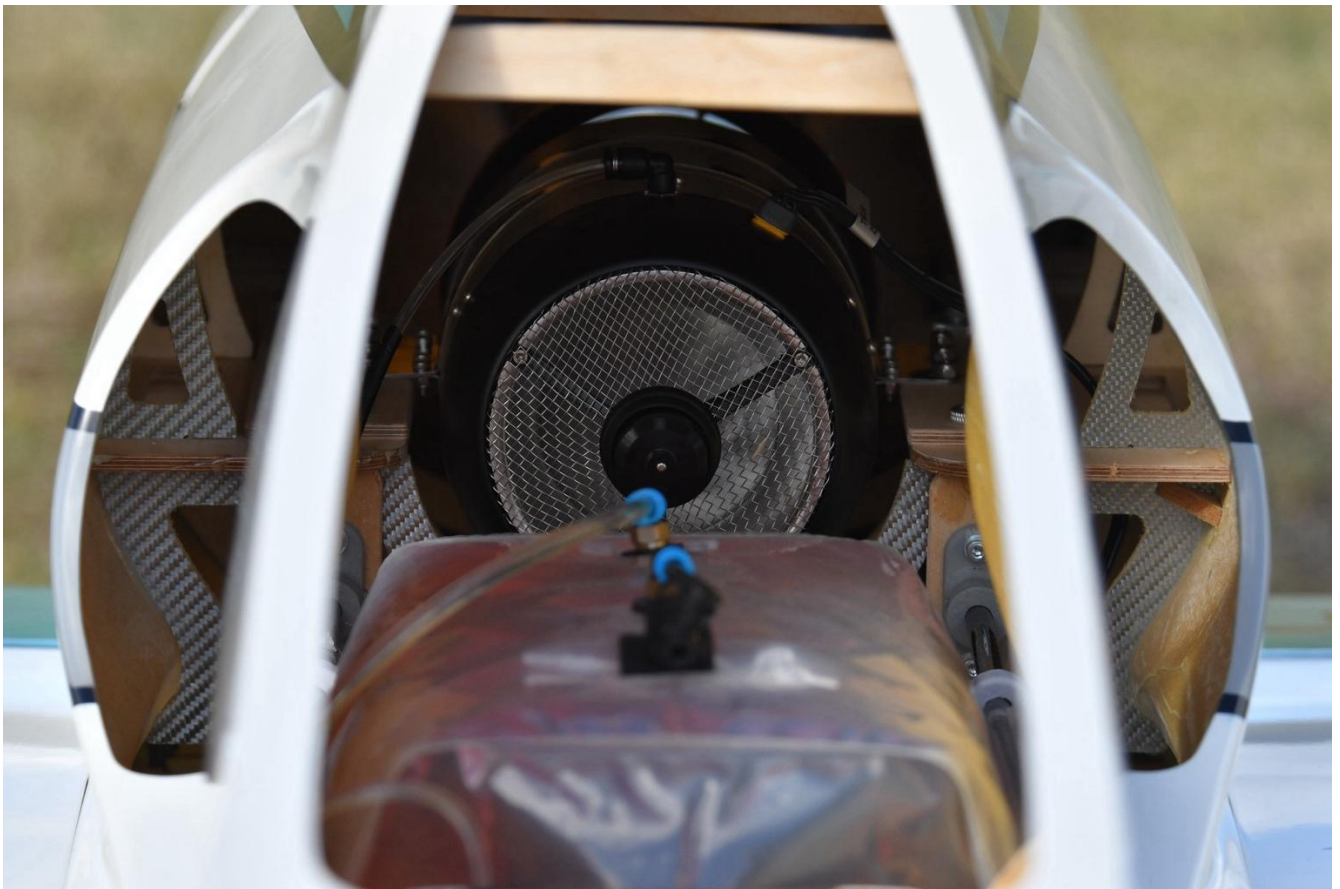
Nice one Simon, very impressive.

Keith Quigg

<https://www.austars-model.com/ace-swiwin-turbine-engine...>







The 5.5litre works very well as it has no venting and does not require them use of UAT



Monash Uncrewed Aerial Systems

Exciting milestone today at P&DARCS when the team from the Monash Uncrewed Aerial Systems conducted a successful test flight of their aircraft at the field.

This collaboration between P&DARCS and Monash University has been in the making for many months now, and culminated in an exciting day for the members and guests present, generating some great enthusiasm for both aeromodelling and UAV flying.

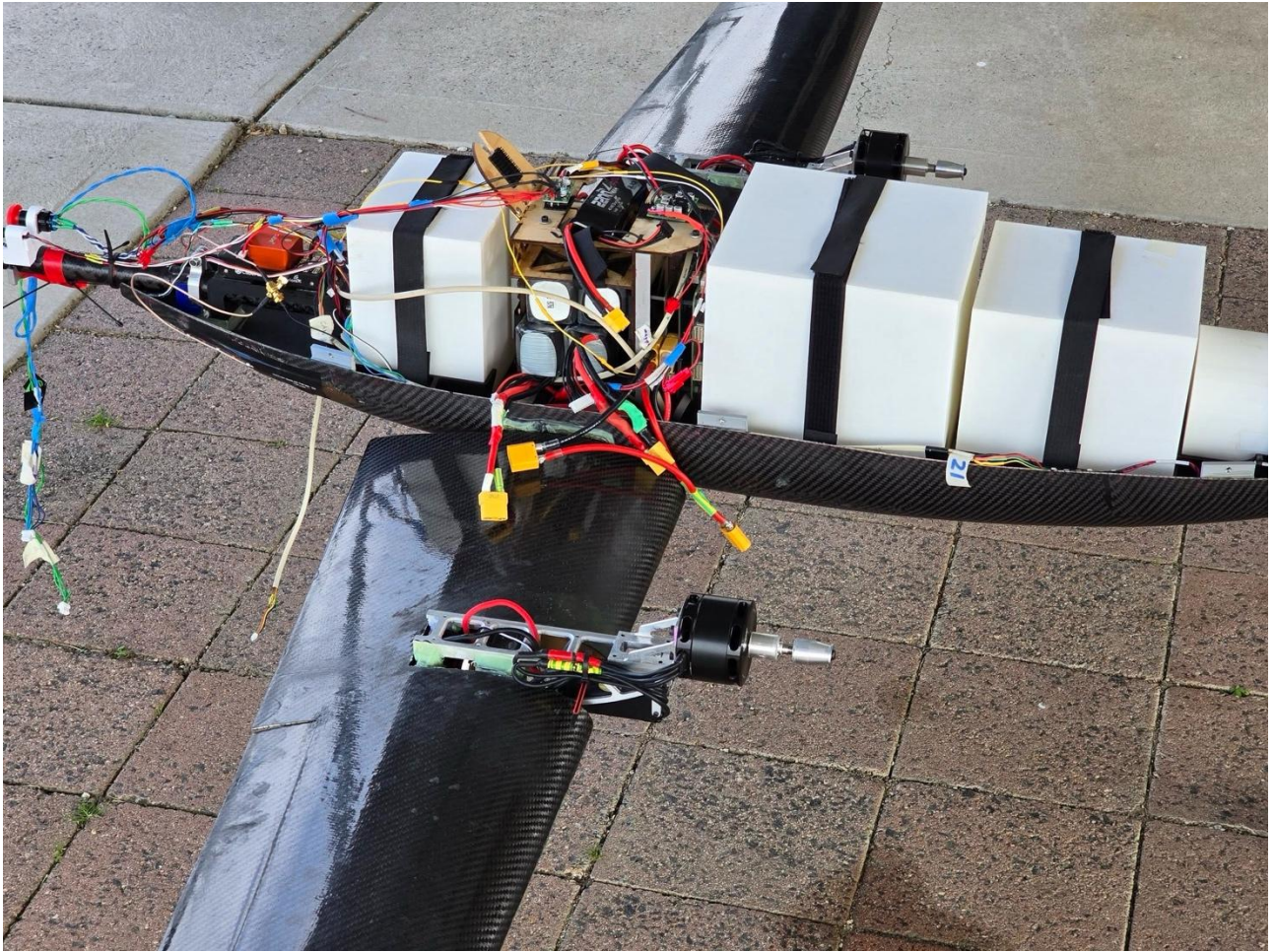
We look forward to a continuing relationship between Monash UAS and P&DARCS for future test flights and knowledge sharing.

Monash UAS









Wings Over Wangaratta

Wings over Wangaratta 2025 has been an amazing weekend of competition.
Sunday started off with the unknown rounds following with the known rounds.

Everyone was on a level playing field with the weather as we have had nothing but blue skies and almost zero wind.

Could not have asked for any better weather, that's for sure
Congratulations to our winners from P&DARCS

Advanced

1st Cameron Sexton

2nd Balint Banko

Unlimited

3rd Harrison Ritter

Big thanks to everyone from the Wangaratta Aero Modellers
For the preparation and helping over the weekend to make it another successful event.

A massive thank you to the Wangaratta Club and members and especially Jon York and his lovely Lady, Rachel.









DID YOU KNOW?...

In Tucson, Arizona, 60-year-old Roger Wallace was fatally struck in the chest by his own six-pound model aircraft. While flying the five-foot wingspan plane at the Pima County Fairgrounds, he lost sight of it in the bright sunlight. The plane veered back and hit him, causing internal injuries that proved fatal.



Alex's Corner

G'day folks,

Imagine, if you will, that you're involved in a hobby collecting stamps. Or building a train set in your garage. Oooorr bush walking.

Keep imagining that you're into chess, or sudoku, or playing the G G's. Oh, let's not forget reading Barbara Cartland novels or, for that matter, Steven King.

And then there is breeding new colours of roses.

Don't get me wrong I've done many of these. Steven King writes a mean horror story and sudoku has tricks that are difficult to imagine. And don't get me started on jumping out of a plane or walking around Wilsons Prom.

But why are we reading this little chitty chat in the newsletter for a model plane flying club?

Hmm?

Well, consider what is involved in standing out on the main runway flying your favourite foamy or iMac or jet – turbine or EDF – or pattern plane or scale war bird.

It seems that I'm one of the small number at the club who entered the hobby less than 5 years ago, so have a clear memory of my early days destroying planes while I tried to figure out what the heck mode 1 and mode 2 actually meant. The snowstorm of terminology and jargon that just becomes second nature is, take it from me, mind boggling. I assure you that that there is far less jargon involved in doing a motorbike camping tour with a bunch of other grey beards than there is in setting up a new plane in the controller, then doing your maiden and the initial trim.

Have a look at the jargon I just had to use to describe an example of the jargon we all take for granted.

Then there is going to "the field".

Sunshine, or fog. Fresh air, or flies. Rabbits, hares, foxes along the road and the occasional cow / bull on the field. That can lead to some interesting situations, trust me. And eagles soaring in the sky above, thumbing their beak at us ground lubbers.

I haven't seen anyone taking the minutes of the many conversations that happen in the small groups of grey beards, but if they had been I'm confident that we've solved most of the world's problems. Most of us are expert at one or two things, you only need to ask us to find out what, but there are the gurus amongst us who seem to be expert on most topics.

They are a rare breed, but we have a good number.

Flying model planes at P&DARCS is a hobby like few others. I love it.

Alex_of_Oz

Alex Williams

Spotlight

Name: Trent Smith

Age (optional):48

Any particular discipline?:fixed wing

Preferred type of aircraft?: scale warbirds

Do you prefer scratch building or ARF?: scratch build

With composites as a large part of my building. Still have some arf planes as we all do.

Do you have a favourite model plane?: P-51D mustang

Electric/Gas/Turbine preference?: Gas

What radio gear do you use?: Futaba

What do/did you do for a living?: electrician

When and how did you get into the hobby?: in 1989 with a school friend who purchased Rc plane. I always had a love of aviation.

Do/did you fly in competitions?: yes but years ago. Glider thermal duration LSF.

If so, have you won or placed in them?: definitely not.

What other hobbies or interests have you got?: Fishing, motorbikes.

Do you have pet?: yes a brown Labrador named Angus.





RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Creamy Carbonara Tteokbokki

These amazing Korean Rice Noodles called Tteokbokki are usually made with Gochujang which is a spicy chilli paste. This recipe uses the luscious chewy noodles and a creamy carbonara style sauce, and turns them into a true fusion of tastes and textures. Enjoy.

Tips:

Tteokbokki are readily available in Asian supermarkets either fresh or frozen. If you buy them fresh, they only need a couple of minutes in the sauce to soften up. I usually have a frozen pack stashed away and I simply leave them in bowl overnight in the fridge to thaw.

You can just use your favourite carbonara recipe for this, but I had some bits and pieces I wanted to use up so added in the cream, onions and spinach. Feel free to use what you have at hand. There is no additional salt needed as the bacon and the Parmesan cheese are salty.

Amounts shown will feed four people. The dish is very rich, so you only need a dozen or so rice noodles each



Ingredients:

3 egg yolks

120 ml heavy cream

100 g grated parmesan cheese

black pepper to taste

6 bacon slices, chopped

1/2 a red onion, finely sliced

3 garlic cloves, minced

2 cups of baby spinach

700 g Korean rice cakes, or enough for four people

360 ml water

cooking oil

Method:

In a jug or bowl, mix egg yolks, heavy cream, parmesan cheese and black pepper

In a non-stick pan, add a little cooking oil and cook the bacon and onion on medium heat until browned and slightly crispy

Add in the garlic and cooks for a minute

Remove mixture from pan and set aside

Add the rice cakes and water and cook for 1-2 minutes until they become soft then pour off any excess water

Add the egg/parmesan mixture, then add the bacon mixture back in and cook for 1-2 more minutes or until the sauce has thickened.

If too thick, add in a couple of tablespoons of water

Serve piping hot with extra Parmesan cheese on top

P&DARCS Calendar

May, 2025

21 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

22 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Club Meeting \(Online\)](#)

June, 2025

18 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

July, 2025

23 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

August, 2025

06 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [P&DARCS AGM \(Online\)](#)

20 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

September, 2025

17 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

October, 2025

01 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Club Meeting & Coop AGM \(Online\)](#)

22 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

25 (Sat) 9:00 am - 12:00 pm [Spring Clean Working Bee](#) Field Open: **No**

November, 2025

19 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

December, 2025

03 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Club Meeting \(Online\)](#)

06 (Sat) 9:00 am - 4:00 pm [VPA Pattern Event](#) Field Open: **Partial**

10 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm [Pre Christmas Committee Wrap Up Meeting](#)



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